

Claim Amendments

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A fish net, comprising:
 - a. a frame;
 - b. a net, attached to the frame; and
 - c. a length measuring scale, permanently disposed generally linearly on a surface of the net, such that a user may determine a size of a fish held in the net by visually comparing the fish with the length measuring scale.
2. (Original) A fish net in accordance with claim 1, wherein the length measuring scale further includes length markings, representing standard units of length, and numeral designations associated with the length markings.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) A fish net in accordance with claim 1, wherein the length measuring scale includes length markings representing modified units of length to compensate for curvature of the fish and the length measuring scale.
5. (Original) A fish net in accordance with claim 1, wherein the net forms a pocket in which the fish naturally tends to rest in substantial linear alignment with the length measuring scale.
6. (Original) A fish net in accordance with claim 1, wherein the frame further comprises a substantially closed loop portion having opposing sides, and the length measuring scale extends from one side of the closed loop to the opposing side.
7. (Original) A fish net in accordance with claim 6, wherein the net further comprises:

- a. first and second side pieces with curved edges;
 - b. a substantially linear center piece, having side edges, the length measuring scale being disposed on the center piece; and
 - c. the side edges of the center piece being connected to the curved edges of the first and second side pieces, forming a pocket in which the fish naturally tends to rest in substantial linear alignment with the length measuring scale.
8. (Original) A fish net in accordance with claim 7, wherein the first and second side pieces and the center piece are of the same material.
9. (Original) A fish net in accordance with claim 7, wherein the first and second side pieces and the center piece are of different materials.
10. (Currently Amended) A fish net in accordance with claim 7, wherein the center piece is of a material selected from the group consisting of: mesh and net materials ~~comprised~~ of ~~nylon~~, cotton, and ~~other~~ polymers.
11. (Currently Amended) A fish net in accordance with claim 1, wherein the net is of a material selected from the group consisting of: mesh and net materials ~~comprised~~ of ~~nylon~~, cotton, and ~~other~~ polymers.
12. (Original) A fish net in accordance with claim 1, wherein the length measuring scale is disposed on the net by a process selected from the group consisting of: weaving into the material of the net; embroidering onto the material of the net; printing on the material of the net; and silk-screening onto the material of the net.
13. (Original) A fish net in accordance with claim 1, wherein the frame further comprises:
- a. a handle; and
 - b. a substantially closed loop portion, attached to the handle, the net being attached to the loop portion.

14. (Original) A fish net, comprising:

- a. a frame having:
 - i. a handle; and
 - ii. a substantially closed loop portion, having opposite sides, attached to the handle;
- b. a net attached to the loop portion; and
- c. a length measuring scale, having length markings with numeral designations representing units of length, disposed generally linearly on the net and extending from one side of the loop portion to an opposing side thereof, the net forming a pocket into which a fish naturally tends to rest in substantial linear alignment with the measuring scale, such that a user may determine a size of the fish held in the net by visually comparing the fish with the numeral designations on the length measuring scale.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) A fish net in accordance with claim 14, wherein the length measuring scale includes length markings representing modified units of length to compensate for relative curvature of the fish and the length measuring scale.

17. (Currently Amended) A fish net in accordance with claim 14, wherein the net is of a material selected from the group consisting of: mesh and net materials ~~comprised~~ of ~~nylon~~, cotton, and ~~other~~ polymers.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of measuring a size of a fish, comprising the steps of:

- a. placing a fish within a fish net having a frame and a net, and a length measuring scale ~~integrally formed therein~~ disposed on the net;
- b. aligning the fish with respect to the length measuring scale; and
- c. visually comparing the fish to the length measuring scale, so as to determine a size of the fish.

19. (Canceled)
20. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 18, wherein the step of placing the fish within the fish net further comprises causing the fish to rest in a bottom of the net in substantial linear alignment with the length scale.
21. (New) A fish net in accordance with claim 14, wherein the length markings represent standard units of length
22. (New) A fish net in accordance with claim 1, wherein the length measuring scale is visible on opposing sides of the net, such that the net may be used in an inverted configuration with respect to the frame.
23. (New) A fish net in accordance with claim 2, wherein the length measuring scale and the numeral designations are visible on opposing sides of the net, and are configured to be properly readable when the net is in an inverted configuration with respect to the frame.
24. (New) A fish net in accordance with claim 2, wherein the standard units of length are selected from the group consisting of English units and metric units.